

## COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING REPORT**

## FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019

- **The CEC Meeting** was held on Monday, April 22, 2019 from 9:30 AM 10:45 AM followed by the Earth Day events.
- **The Earth Day** events included the grand re-opening of the expanded South Bethany Fitness Area and the new KIDS' Little Free Library. The well-attended celebration included representatives from the DNREC Division of Parks, Bob Ehemann and Bill Miller whose grant funded the additional pieces of equipment and the bike rack and park bench. Thanks to Councilman Frank Weisgerber, South Bethany now has a Little Free Library just for kids! The *Coastal Point* featured an article about the Earth Day activities in the April 26<sup>th</sup> edition and *WRDE* featured news reports in both the 5:00 pm and 11:00 pm newscasts.
- Public Works has been very busy with numerous spring plantings and landscaping
  projects as well as preparing the town for the summer season. The CEC appreciates
  their hard work with all the preparations and for installing the new fitness
  equipment.
- 2019 50<sup>th</sup> SB Anniversary Celebration Update The CEC will host a table with a memorable and beautiful "give-aways" so please stop by and say hello. In addition, we have organized the first ever South Bethany Cornhole Tournament. The double elimination tournament has registered 16 teams and play will begin at 1:30 pm sharp on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. The prize to the winning team is a very special South Bethany commemorative cornhole set. The CEC encourages all SB property owners and guests to attend this fun filled day celebrating our town's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation!
- The next meeting of the CEC will take place in July, 2019 (Date TBD).

- In response to recent and early complaints about excessive boat speed on our canals, Councilmembers Sue Callaway and Frank Weisgerber worked together to prepare a **Slow NO Wake** flyer that appeared in the May issue of the Zephyr newsletter. The flyer will also be distributed several times during the season as a reminder of the importance of adhering to the **Slow NO Wake** warnings, what action to take when you see excessive speed and what steps to take to report such violations. Excessive speed is damaging to our boats, docks, bulkheads and to our canal water quality.
- Representing South Bethany, Sue Callaway attended Governor Carney's launching of Delaware's campaign to encourage citizens not to litter and to clean up outdoor spaces. The campaign event – "Keep DE Litter Free" was held in Rehoboth Beach on April 30, 2019. The Governor's office will be making available marketing materials to promote anti-litter efforts. The event was attended by state legislators as well as numerous local town elected and public officials.
- Sue Callaway, along with Councilmember Carol Stevenson and Mayor Tim Saxton attended the SCAT dinner held in Bethany Beach on May 1, 2019. The speaker was Dan Cohen, Cohen Law Group, who presented a comprehensive overview of the "Regulation of Wireless Facilities A New Paradigm for Local Governments. Cohen's presentation was informative and answered many questions regarding installation of new wireless infrastructure to meet the data explosion demand. Currently there are 150,000 Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) in the U.S. and it is predicted that there will be 800,000 by 2026. His discussion also focused on the legal rights of municipalities and suggestions for pertinent information to include in a local ordinance regulating placement, construction, co-location requirements and modification of wireless facilities.